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Hello Network Members,

The change of season brings with it new beginnings. This month, we welcome many new staff members at the Lung Health Foundation, including:

- our new Chief Executive Officer, Jessica Buckley - please see our official [welcome announcement here](#).
- our new Director of Research and Impact, Wendy Yen - please see the Research section for details
- three new members on our Implementation Team: Erin Dufour, Kristiann Man, and Jessica Sit - please see the Impact section for details

In addition, we bring you news on the following:

- Lung Health Line and COPD Remote Home Monitoring Service
- Respiratory Health Forum - registration opening next week!
- Asthma Best Practices Toolkit development
- National Lung Health Agenda - how you can get involved

We encourage network members to let us know about any events, projects, tools, et cetera that might be relevant to the network. We are always happy to look at ways to promote the other activities you are involved in as well.

If you have any ideas you would like to include, please reach out to Natalie Bennett at [network@lunghealth.ca](mailto:network@lunghealth.ca).

We hope you enjoy the crisp cool days of autumn.



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## Impact

### Adding staff for greater Impact

The programs, services and research department at the Lung Health Foundation is growing at a rapid and exciting rate! We are thrilled to introduce several new members of our *Implementation Team* who will be taking on a variety of roles and responsibilities that will help advance our lung health work.

We have included their respective email addresses, and encourage you to reach out to our newest team members to say hello, introduce yourself and get to know more about their exciting work portfolios.

We look forward to their positive impact on our mission!

Please join us in welcoming:

**Jessica Sit**

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Jessica is a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) and Certified Respiratory Educator (CRE) who has worked at various asthma/COPD clinics where she spearheaded the implementation of key primary care lung health programs, including pulmonary rehabilitation programming, smoking support groups, the Ottawa Model and CAMH's STOP study. She is both STOP (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) and TEACH (Training Enhancement in Applied Counselling and Health) trained through CAMH. She also has previous volunteer work with the Toronto Tobacco Control Action Network and

the Michener Advisory Committee.

Jessica will be responsible for managing PCAP and our primary care and quality improvement work more generally, as well as other key healthcare programs and partnerships.

**Erin Dufour**

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Erin (she/her) comes to the Lung Health Foundation with a BA in Gender Studies & Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Human Kinetics from the University of Windsor with a focus on health promotion and program evaluation. Erin joins us from the not-for-profit sector where she has spent the last several years developing and evaluating community programming rooted in health promotion initiatives, such as youth mental health, poverty reduction, and body image. During this time, she was responsible for collecting, analyzing, and reporting program results for both regionally and nationally scoped youth programs.

Erin will be responsible for managing the Quash portfolio.

**Kristiann Man**

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With a BSc in Kinesiology and a Master's in Health Promotion, Kristiann has worked as a teaching adjunct at the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies at Queen's University, and as a research coordinator at the Revved Up Research Lab. Over the last two years, she worked at the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work as a knowledge translation specialist where she

- conducted rigorous research to identify promising practices to support "Disability Confidence" in the workplace
- developed a series of knowledge products for businesses, compiled into an online, open access toolkit, focused on advancing the accessibility and disability inclusivity of workplaces
- led and coordinated the engagement and consultation of a broad range of project stakeholders representing advocacy-, research-, and community-based disability organizations across Canada.

Kristiann will lead some of our "special projects" including the the COPD Remote Home Monitoring and the asthma toolkit being developed under the Moving the Dial project.

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# Implementation in Action

## Lung Health Line

The Lung Health Line is a service provided by the Lung Health Foundation via phone, email or live chat. Registered Respiratory Therapists, who are also Certified Respiratory Educators, offer information and guidance on a variety of lung health concerns including lung disease, smoking cessation counselling, immunization, and indoor and outdoor air quality issues as it relates to asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

## Remote Home Monitoring Service

Utilizing the strengths of the Lung Health Line, the Lung Health Foundation has recently partnered with Oak Valley Health (Markham Stouffville Hospital, Uxbridge Hospital) and Cloud DX, a virtual care platform company, to deliver a remote home monitoring service for individuals who have COPD with the goals of improved quality of life and reduced risk of hospitalization.

**Program offerings for the remote home monitoring service include:**

- **Personalized Lung Health Education Service:** Tailored education and guidance on COPD self-management strategies based on assessed needs, as well as information and navigation support on other relevant programs and resources, are offered through the Lung Health Line
- **Peer Support Group:** The Lung Health Foundation facilitates group sessions on a monthly basis, to deliver group education on COPD management and to allow individuals living with COPD, and participating in the program, to share their experiences and connect with each other.

To contact the Lung Health Foundation, call 1-888-344-LUNG (5864), email [info@lunghealth.ca](mailto:info@lunghealth.ca) or visit the website at [lunghealth.ca](http://lunghealth.ca).

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## Education Opportunities

**Respiratory Health Forum - REGISTRATION OPENING NEXT WEEK!**

**Tue Oct 25, 2022 | 8:50am - 4:00pm ET | Free Virtual Learning Event**

Registration for the Lung Health Foundation's [\*\*Respiratory Health Forum\*\*](#) will open next week!

Learn innovative approaches to lung health and the latest respiratory guidelines from leading medical experts. The **virtual and free** event welcomes primary care professionals and members of the community from across Canada.

This one credit-per-hour group learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for up to 5.75 Mainpro+ credits.

For a sneak peek at our program, [\*\*please click here\*\*](#).

Learn more at [\*\*https://hcp.lunghealth.ca/conferences/respiratory-health-forum\*\*](https://hcp.lunghealth.ca/conferences/respiratory-health-forum)

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## **Collaboration Opportunities**

### **Call for Testers! The Lung Health Foundation's Asthma Best Practices Toolkit is in Development**

The Lung Health Foundation is working with clinical experts to develop an asthma best practices digital implementation toolkit, which will function as a one-stop-shop for clinical tools and resources to help healthcare providers implement practices in alignment with asthma quality standards.

In October, the Lung Health Foundation will be conducting a round of “beta testing”, to gather feedback on the structure, organization, and navigation of the toolkit website, before it launches next year. And we’re looking for your help!

If you're interested in participating in the toolkit's beta testing process, please reach out to Kristiann Man at [kman@lunghealth.ca](mailto:kman@lunghealth.ca).

## **For those in your care - Support Group session for those living with Lung Disease**

We are very excited to be kicking off another round of support group sessions for our Provincial Chronic Lung Disease Support group this fall. This support group is for anyone living with chronic lung disease and their caregivers.

This will be the first time we are venturing into the virtual world and opening the group to have face-to-face interactions on Zoom. There will still be a dial-in phone option.

Please see [this flyer for details](#) and pass it along to anyone in your care who could benefit.

## **Research**

Are you working on a research proposal and want to explore the Lung Health Foundation providing a Letter of Support or linking you to other individuals or organizations in our network? We're happy to have those conversations any time!

Would you like to contribute to the design of our new Research Program? We will be running a number of consultation cycles (i.e. interviews and focus groups) over the summer with members of our Research Hub.

If you haven't already specified you'd like be contacted about research-specific opportunities by joining our Research Hub, please contact Natalie at [network@lunghealth.ca](mailto:network@lunghealth.ca).

*More information on our Research Hub and Research Program can be found at [lungnetwork.org](http://lungnetwork.org).*

## **Asthma and COPD Survey**

**We need your expertise and insights!**

Help focus our asthma and COPD work based on key barriers AND behaviours by [participating in our online survey](#). The results will shape the Lung Health Foundation's selection of education and implementation strategies to drive improvements in asthma and COPD. We are offering \$25 **electronic gift certificates** to survey respondents. Be sure to have your say!

[Survey](#)

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## Policy in Action

### National Lung Health Agenda

One in five Canadians – over 7.5 million Canadians of all ages – is living with a serious respiratory disease. Every 15 minutes in Canada, someone dies from lung disease. Despite this, while the federal government has developed national strategies for many other major chronic disease areas, lung disease continues to be overlooked and underfunded.

Because of this, the Lung Health Foundation is calling on the federal government to commit to a National Lung Health Agenda. For this process, we hope to engage healthcare providers, patients and patient groups, as well as provincial and territorial governments in this critical call to action.

If you'd like to be a part of the consultation process, please contact [kvelez@lunghealth.ca](mailto:kvelez@lunghealth.ca).

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## Research

## Introducing our new Director of Research and Impact

With a PhD in Adult Education and a Master's in Measurement and Evaluation from the University of Toronto, **Wendy Yen**, joins us with over 15 years of experience leading applied research and program evaluations for public sector clients to promote practice improvement, most recently in her role as Senior Researcher at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO).

Her publication record attests to her proficiency in qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as advanced program evaluation designs and techniques. Wendy also has experience as an adjunct professor at Laurentian University and has been invited to speak both nationally and internationally.

Wendy will begin work at the Lung Health Foundation on Monday September 26, 2022. We look forward to her leadership in developing our new research program and growing our network.

You can reach Wendy at [wyen@lunghealth.ca](mailto:wyen@lunghealth.ca).

## In the Press

We are pleased to disseminate news of publications arising from projects previously funded by Lung Health Foundation research awards. This month we have:

*Impact of respiratory viral infections on mortality and critical illness among hospitalized patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease* - Sunita Mulpuru MD, MSc; Melissa K. Andrew MD, PhD; Lingyun Ye MSc; Todd Hatchette MD; Jason LeBlanc PhD; May El-Sherif MD; Donna MacKinnon-Cameron MMath; Shawn D. Aaron MD, MSc; Gonzalo G. Alvarez MD, MPH; Alan J. Forster MD, MSc; Ardith Ambrose RN; Shelly A. McNeil MD, FIDSA; on behalf of the Serious Outcomes Surveillance and Canadian Immunization Research Network (CIRN) Investigators

<https://doi.org/10.1111/irv.13050>



Do you have a recent publication related to our five foci (Asthma, COPD, Lung Cancer, Smoking/Vaping Cessation, Infectious Respiratory Disease) you'd like to share? Please send it our way!

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## Help us Grow our Network

The wisdom and expertise of healthcare professionals dedicated to improving the lung health of Canadians have long guided the mission of the Lung Health Foundation. Help us grow our [Lung Health Network for Healthcare Professionals](#) by inviting your friends and colleagues to join.

Powered by the Lung Health Foundation, this network offers meaningful opportunity for healthcare professionals to collaborate and directly contribute to the design, delivery, and evaluation of strategies and policies to improve lung health in Canada.

The Network and its members are guided by the [strategic plan of the Lung Health Foundation](#) and are engaged throughout the Lung Health Foundation's work to ensure healthcare professionals' perspectives and insight contribute to impact and sustainable change.

We are building a community of passionate and dedicated healthcare professionals who believe lung health can and should be better for all Canadians.

Opportunities within the Network include:

- Leadership Roles
- Education Hub
- Research Hub
- Implementation Hub
- Health Policy Hub
- Speaker's Bureau

For more information and to join the Network, we invite you to visit [lungnetwork.org](http://lungnetwork.org)

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